

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule



The recycling schedule pickup for Wednesday, Feb. 4, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

The 2004 Harford County Recycling schedules are available to APG military housing residents at the APG Housing Office, building 2727; AA/EA Re-Nu-It centers, buildings 5413 and E-5185; and the AA Collection Station, building 3558 on Rodman Road.

### Tax Center opens Feb. 2

The Staff Judge Advocate Tax Assistance Center will provide free tax preparation and electronic filing for active duty military members, retirees and their family members.

The Tax Center is located in building 310, Wing 9, 2nd floor. It will be open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Feb. 2 through April 15.

Walk-in appointments for 1040EZ filers only will be held 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. each Tuesday and Thursday. All other filers must make an appointment by calling 410-278-1208.

### Snow closing number

For information about possible delays or closings of APG call 410-278-7669 (410-278-SNOW).

### 2004 USO Guide to Washington, Baltimore, available

The USO of Metropolitan Washington has produced the 16th edition of the 2004 Guide to Washington and Baltimore now available for distribution. The guide is a resource for service members stationed or on temporary assignment in the Baltimore Washington metropolitan area and provides a comprehensive listing of USO and military resources, information on sight-seeing and recreation, maps and general information on living in the area. The guide is provided free of charge to members of the military and their families. To arrange pick up of multiple copies of the guide, call Fort Belvoir, USO Family Support Services, 703-805-2464, Fort Myer, USO-Metro Headquarters, 703-696-2628, or BWI Airport, USO International Gateway Lounge, 410-859-4425.

Copies are also being distributed through area Senior Enlisted Advisors.

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# 400th MPs mark return to APG with wartime awards

Story and photo by  
**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

The 400th Military Police Battalion, a Fort Meade Army Reserve unit, recently returned to Aberdeen Proving Ground from Operation Iraqi Freedom, marking its return with an award ceremony at the Post Recreation Center Jan. 23.

The unit processed through the mobilization site at APG after it was activated in March 2003.

Its mission was to conduct and sustain interment and resettlement operations to shelter, sustain, guard, protect and account for enemy prisoners of war, civilian internees or displaced persons.

Lt. Col. Dale Burtyk, battalion commander, led the ceremony in which the unit's Soldiers were awarded Bronze Star Medals, Army Commendation Medals, and certificates of achievement after receiving an administrative debriefing from Drew Nobles, APG retirement services officer, who collected the service members' active-duty identification cards.

Burtyk said the unit performed admirably and expressed appreciation on behalf of Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander.

"You served under conditions you had never been exposed to before, yet you

accomplished your mission due to enthusiasm and great commitment on your part," Burtyk said.

He added that as they resume their civilian occupations, they should remember "the command is very proud of every one of you."

"There will never be another group like this," Burtyk said. "Thank you for all you do in supporting America."

Several of the unit's members remarked that the mission, while difficult at times due to lack of adequate supplies, was a learning experience that drew the unit members closer together.

"Most had never worked together before," said Command Sgt. Maj. Edward Stotts. "They did very well. They pulled together as a team and, considering the situation, did exceptionally well."

"It's like Christmas, coming back to APG," added Capt. Robert Wyks, S-1 officer.

Sgt. Young Oh, a police officer with APG's Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, who was enrolled in the APG Police Academy when he was called up, said it was great to get back and see his infant son who was born during his deployment.

"I look forward to being a civilian again and spending time with my family," Oh said.

Sgt. 1st Class Michael Clark, an America Online



From left, Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Toy Young and Sgt. Young Oh, bow their heads in prayer during the invocation giving thanks for the unit's safe return from Operation Iraqi Freedom Jan. 23. Oh will return to his civilian position as police officer with the APG Garrison's Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security.

media developer from Ashland, Va., who served at APG nearly a year during Operation Noble Eagle I before his duty in Iraq, served as the Compound NCO during the deployment. He said that the mission was his first of that type.

"I've always been a combat MP," Clark said. "This was pretty much learn as you go. It was all so fast and furious."

"I'm just glad we were

among the first to go instead of heading over there now," he added.

"It was initially a difficult and harsh environment to adjust to, but we made it," added Staff Sgt. Toy Offutt, an administrative assistant from Gaithersburg.

Arlita Bishop brought her two sons, Grant, 15 months and Charles, 8, to see their father, Spc. Garrett Bishop receive his ARCOM.

"It was mostly rough but we survived," she said of her husband's deployment. "I'm just glad to have him home."

Bishop said that while he missed his family, he would always remember how the unit came together.

"We responded to a world situation and did a superb job even though we were just learning each other," Bishop said. "I'm very proud of that."

# OMMS selects 2003 Drill Sergeant of the Year

Story and photos by  
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APG News

It is a mentally and physically challenging trial. It is stretched out over days with the intent of exposing weaknesses and appraising strengths. It is a calculated process of discovery, one that when it is over, reveals the most qualified to be called the best.

The U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School held such a trial to name Aberdeen Proving Ground's 2003 Drill Sergeant of the Year from Jan. 20 to 23.

Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Olson, Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion was named the command's top drill sergeant following a selection board, the final leg of the competition, held at the Ball Conference Center, Jan. 23. Olson is the third consecutive Company C 16th drill sergeant to be named Drill Sergeant of the Year.

Command Sgt. Maj. Manuel Torres, OMMS, presided over the selection board.

"This is all about molding Soldiers," Torres said, adding that the winner would represent OMMS and APG during numerous programs throughout the year.

"The Drill Sergeant of the Year will go on to compete at higher levels," Torres said. "We have to make sure we send the best we have to offer."

There were only two competitors for this year's honor - Olson and Sgt. 1st Class Darriet

Patterson, Company B, 143rd Ordnance Battalion. Two others had to drop out due to prior commitments.

The competition is designed in accordance with course requirements used at the Drill Sergeant School at Fort Benning, Ga. It began with the Army Physical Fitness Test administered at the APG Athletic Center Jan. 20.

As in the Fort Benning requirement, each candidate had to receive a minimum score of 210 points with at least 70 points in each event.

The next two days consisted of hands-on testing in which the candidates had to successfully perform Common Task Testing skills in subjects like first aid and the assembly and disassembly of the M16 rifle. Following that was modular testing, which evaluated the candidate's skill in instructing Soldiers in drill and facing movements and field survival skills like installing the Claymore mine.

The final day, Olson and Patterson faced the selection board. Four sergeants major and one drill sergeant grilled each candidate for approximately 45 minutes each. The members of the board included Command Sgts. Maj. Willie Williams, 16th Ordnance Battalion; and Neslie Etheridge, 143rd Ordnance Battalion; and Sgts. Maj. W. Joe Horn, Wheel, Track and Automotive Division; and James Hardy, Directorate of Instruction.

Dressed in Class A uniforms, the two were

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Drill Sergeant of the Year candidate, Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Olson, seeks entry to the selection board proceedings with a solid knock on the door.

## APG's National Prayer Luncheon set for Feb. 5

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground chaplaincy invites the entire community to attend the National Prayer Luncheon 11:30 a.m., Feb. 5, at Top of the Bay.

Tickets cost \$5 and the menu includes baked chicken, lasagna, vegetables, coffee, tea and dessert.

The guest speaker is Claiborne Douglass Haughton Jr., former Acting Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Equal Opportunity.

"This speaker has such an impressive background," said Chaplain (Maj.) Joseph Di Gregorio, adding that the price of the meal "can't be beat."

"We should all have a blessed time," De Gregorio said.

**Claiborne Douglass Haughton Jr.**

As the Acting Deputy

Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Equal Opportunity, Haughton was responsible for overseeing the development and coordination of equal opportunity programs and policies affecting virtually all Department of Defense personnel, military and civilians.

In addition, he provided staff supervision of the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute for more than 20 years. Earlier this month, the DEOMI library was named in his honor.

Born with cerebral palsy and blindness in one eye, Haughton overcame those obstacles to earn a master's in public administration and to achieve the rank of Meritorious Senior Executive.

He is a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

His many honors include the Department of Defense medals for Distinguished Public Service and Meritorious Civilian Service, and the Secretary of Defense Civilian Career Service Medal, as well as the 'Justin Dart Achievement Award' from the President's Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities and the 'Making of the King Holiday Award' from Coretta Scott King and the Martin Luther King Holiday Commission.

Haughton is listed in "Who's Who in Government," and is a member of the Pi Alpha Alpha National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration.

For more information about the APG National Prayer Luncheon, call the AA Chapel at 410-278-4333/2886.

## MWR Laugh4Ever Comedy Jam coming to APG Feb. 7

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Morale, Welfare and Recreation invites the entire community to a night of laughter and fun during the Laugh4Ever Comedy Jam 9 p.m., Feb. 7, at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Post Theater.

The show features four comedians - T.P. Hearn, Barbara Carlyle, Kenny Williams, and Red Bone - from Black Entertainment Television's Comic View and Def Comedy Jam.

An After Party, in which fans can meet the popular comics, will follow immediately after the show at the Post Recreation Center, building 3326.

Admission to the party is free with a ticket stub from the show. All others pay \$5 at the

door.

Earlene Allen, MWR programmer, said that while the show is open to the public, non-government ID card holders must have a valid photo ID or driver's license to gain access to the installation.

"MWR personnel will be at the Maryland Boulevard Gate to assist those attending the show," Allen said.

They will have a roster of those who registered in advance, she said, and can help with directions to the post theater.

"I encourage everyone to support this effort to bring top rate entertainment to the community," said Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby. "MWR has put forth great effort to bring this show

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# Deputy director Masoner is newest member of DLES team



**Kenneth M. Masoner**

*Story and photo by  
**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News*

A low profile and largely unheralded position on Aberdeen Proving Ground is that of the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security’s deputy director. Primarily the operations officer for law enforcement and security operations for the entire installation, both the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas, the position requires the holder to support the provost marshal, Robert Krauer, while overseeing nine divisions.

Kenneth M. Masoner, a retired sergeant major, has held the position for nine months.

He said APG is a unique installation with a large percentage of civilians and a worker-friendly environment.

“This is a good job because I’m working with

good people,” Masoner said. “The leadership is easy to work for and I’m surrounded by professionals. That makes for less stress than I’ve experienced in a lot of other places.”

Currently, Masoner is planning to do a customer satisfaction inquiry.

“We want to determine what the customer wants and how to provide it,” Masoner said.

DLES will use focus groups, meetings, and surveys to find out what the community is thinking, he added.

“For example, police divisions will meet with non-commissioned officers in training meetings to ask what services we can provide.”

Further evaluations will include civilian employees and family members. Eventually, the directorate will have enough input to determine how best to serve its customer, the APG community.

“Our goal is to align capabilities and services with the needs of the community,” Masoner said.

A veteran of Desert Storm who led Soldiers for most of his 30-year career, Masoner said he understands the importance of being a good listener and encourages all to make their grievances known in the right way.

“I tell people to work through the right levels,” he said. “If you have a problem, we’d like to know about it. We can’t fix it if we don’t know.”

He added that praise is just as welcome as criticism.

“Like everyone else, we like to hear when we’re doing good.”

Masoner holds a master’s in business from the University of San Francisco. His military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, the Legion of Merit, and the Meritorious Service Medal.

## CAC highlights command emphasis, community concerns

***Jessica Boehm**  
Special contributor*

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Community Action Council meeting was held Jan. 15. Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their support and patience during the recent demobilization, especially family members.

She also took a moment to remember the 389th Army Band (AMC’s Own), which performed for a group in Iraq before being sent home.

“Aberdeen Proving Ground always comes through when the going gets tough,” Mark said.

**Freezing pipes**

Bert Scott, director of Installation Operations, briefed attendees on the measures that APG residents can take to prevent water pipes from freezing. He said that with temperatures increasingly low and posing hazardous weather situations, these important tips can help out during the winter months.

- Minimize street parking. Whenever possible before inclement weather occurs, moving vehicles off of the roads will allow snowplows and salt trucks to clear the roadways.
- When outside temperatures are below freezing, it is a good idea to open cupboards to allow heat to get to the water pipes.

Keeping both hot and cold water at a constant drip is also key in keeping the water from freezing in the pipes.

- Most important, disconnect exterior water hoses. Not only is it vital to saving the pipes, but a fee can be administered to those residents who fail to remove hoses from outside faucets.

“If a neighbor still has their hose connected, do the neighborly thing and disconnect it for them,” Scott said.

**Funding needed**

Several issues were raised by attendees that cannot be resolved until sufficient funding is provided.

The Edgewood Area’s Deer Run Quarters 1330 needs to be tested for mold. Due to lack of funds, preventive medicine was unable to do the testin, and cannot proceed until funding is obtained.

Maj. LouAnne Maddox, executive officer, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, brought up the need for lighting in the Edgewood Area near the airfield, where many people run at night. Because of the high cost to run electricity to that area, it was noted that the lighting will be put on the list of things which need funding.

**Demobilization**

Due to the recent demobilization, Ellen Bradley, sitting in on behalf of Lt. Col. Wempe, commander, Kirk U.S. Army Health

Clinic, spoke on the lack of medical appointments. Bradley said that there would be no appointments available until after the demobilization is completed.

Flu shots are still available.

Also, at the pharmacy, there has been a problem with patients not picking up prescriptions after they have been called in.

“We need to remind everyone that once a prescription has been called in, it must be picked up within 10 days. Otherwise, we are required to return it to the shelf,” Bradley said.

Those who do not pick up their prescriptions in a timely manner will be required to call them in again.

**Troop formation safety**

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby brought up the importance of safety for the new troop formation physical fitness running routes. All residents and businesses should have received a copy of the memo explaining the new routes that soldiers will be using.

As they will be on the roads for only one hour a day, everyone should make an effort to avoid those routes to allow the troops to run. Also, everyone should note where barricades will be placed between 5:30 and 6:30 a.m.

Recycling

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## APG hunters, game wardens save lost dog

*Story and photo by  
**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News*

Animal lovers understand well the anguish that comes from losing a pet.

Donna Keller, of Abingdon, near the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, lived with this anguish for 13 days after her 7-year old Sheltie, Daisy, wandered away from the family home just before Christmas.

After days of scouring the area in her car, posting flyers and responding to numerous sightings in Edgewood and the area surrounding Magnolia Middle School in Joppa, Keller was close to losing hope for her pet’s safe return.

Then, on New Year’s Day, she received a phone call from the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security’s Marine and Wildlife Division alerting her that Daisy had somehow found her way onto the proving ground and had been spotted by two deer hunters.

Juanita Snyder, a field technician with the U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command’s Chemical Applications Division, and her friend, Jim McCracken, were up in their tree stands around 5 a.m. when McCracken spotted

what he thought was a fox.

“We’d been seeing the posters for a while, so when he pointed it out I knew right away it was that lost dog everyone was looking for,” Snyder said.

A dog owner herself, who sympathized with what Daisy’s owners must be going through, Snyder hurriedly called in the sighting on her cell phone. She contacted Lorie Workman, a clerk at the deer shack, who passed along the information to the Marine and Wildlife Division.

“The hunters knew all about the missing sheltie,” Workman said. “I think we all were concerned about her.”

Numerous attempts to catch Daisy failed as she refused to approach strangers. Eventually, officer Charles Volz contacted Keller and asked her to come to the installation.

Officers escorted Keller to the area and instructed her to call out for Daisy to see if she would come to her.

After 13 days in the wild, frightened and frail with hunger, Daisy still recognized her master’s voice. When she appeared, Keller said she thought her heart would burst with joy.

“She held that dog like she’d never let it go,” said Snyder of the touching reunion. “Her husband told me they hadn’t even celebrated Christmas. It felt great to help bring them the present they wanted most.”

Workman said she enjoyed the moment as well.

“It did my heart good,” Workman said. “I’m so glad she got her back.”

Snyder added that despite her protests, Keller sill sent her a check for the reward.

“I know just how she feels,” Snyder said. “I lost my dog once too.”

She added that she would donate the check to the humane society.

“She told me she got Daisy from a rescue group,” Snyder said of Keller. “We’ll donate this money on Daisy’s behalf and maybe help save another dog.”

Keller said her appreciation to the hunters, the Marine and Wildlife personnel and to those who donated their time to help look for Daisy cannot be described.

“Even strangers were calling to let us know where they’d seen her,” Keller said. “I can’t thank everyone enough.”

Daisy came back from her ordeal with bronchitis and a bladder infection.

“She was very weak but is getting her strength back,” Keller said. “We’re just so grateful for this late Christmas present.”



*Donna Keller relaxes in her Abingdon home with her Sheltie, Daisy, who was rescued on the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground after wandering lost for 13 days. Local hunters, a deer shack coordinator and members of the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security’s Marine and Wildlife Division aided in the animal’s New Year’s Day rescue.*

### APG CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

If the installation is closed, is experiencing a delay in opening or if liberal leave is in effect due to weather or other emergency situations, check for postings on the local television and radio stations (listed below),WAPG-TV Channel 21 (on Aberdeen Proving Ground), or call 410-278-SNOW (7669). A recorded telephone message will contain updated information and should begin at about 5 a.m.

Announcements about federal offices in the greater Baltimore metropolitan area do not apply to APG; listen for those that name APG specifically.

For general information, call 410-278-1147, the APG Public Affairs Office.

The radio and television stations are:

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WDEL	AM 1150	Wilmington, Del.
WSTW	FM 93.7	Wilmington, Del.
WSBA	AM 910	York, Pa.
WARM	FM 103.3	York, Pa.
WROZ	FM 101.3	Lancaster, Pa.
WBAL-TV	Channel 11	Baltimore
WMAR-TV	Channel 2	Baltimore
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# MWR *Morale, Welfare & Recreation*

MWR has a very exciting and entertaining year planned for APG. Some things to look for include the Laugh4Ever Comedy Show on Feb. 7, ICW Wrestling event on March 20, Miller Lite Army Concert Tour presenting Montgomery Gentry on July 17, and lots more. Visit <http://www.apgmwr.com> for the latest information.

## Methods of registration

Register for any MWR event by visiting the specific facility for the event, mailing in a registration form found in an MWR Program Brochure, visiting the MWR Registration, building 3326, or online at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

## “Inside the Lines” volleyball skills clinic

This class will be held on Thursdays, 6 to 7 p.m., Feb. 5 to 26, at Russell Gym. Learn the basic hitting techniques and how to employ defensive and offensive strategies of ball control such as serving, returning, blocking, setting and spiking. Register by Jan. 30. Cost is \$20.

## Yoga instructor certification

Yoga Instructor Certification will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Jan. 31 through

Feb. 1, at the Aberdeen Area Fitness Center, building 3320. Cost is \$150 (study guides are extra). Learn the history of yoga, sun salutation variations, asana sets 1 thru 5, anatomy and physiology, yoga class structure, power yoga variations, yoga breathing and meditation techniques.

## Kettlebell weight training workshop

A kettlebell is a cast iron weight, which resembles a cannonball with a handle. Kettlebells, Russian exercise devices used for more than 100 years, have long been a favorite in that country for those seeking a special edge in strength and endurance. This class will be held Feb. 7, 2 to 6 p.m. at the APG Athletic Center. Cost is \$20. Register

## Bowling specials

Bowl-All-U-Want Week, 1 to 6 p.m., through Jan. 30, for

only \$7 per lane per hour.

Military Appreciation Night will be held 9 p.m. to closing, Feb. 6. All Soldiers bowl for \$1 and shoes are free.

The Military Tournament will be held 1 p.m., Feb. 8. Bowl three games with handicap and the top three teams bowl head to head. Cost is \$8 per person. Cash prizes will be awarded.

For more information, call Dave Brewner at 410-278-4041 or e-mail [dave.brewner@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:dave.brewner@usag.apg.army.mil).

## Experience Harlem

Celebrate Black History month with a tour of Harlem, NY, Feb. 21. Starting with lunch at Sylvia's Restaurant, the queen of soul food, travel back in time with a tour of the world famous Apollo Theater, the Cotton Club, and local museums. There will still be time for other sightseeing and shopping. Bus will pick up at Edgewood Shopping Center at

7:30 a.m. and the Old Ames Shopping Center in Aberdeen at 8 a.m. Register by Feb. 5.

## 2 on 2 Basketball Jamboree

This double elimination event will be held at 1 p.m., Feb. 21 and 22 at the APG Athletic Center and Feb. 28 and 29 at Hoyle Gym/Fitness Center. The cost is \$30 per team. The games will be half court and cash prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. Register by Feb. 6.

## Circuit fitness connection

Circuit Fitness will be held on Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Feb. 7 to 21 at the APG Athletic Center. Classes are designed to improve overall strength and fitness using specific training and lifting techniques in a controlled environment. Cost is \$15. Register by Jan. 30.

To view bowling scores for the week of Jan. 24, visit the APG News web site at [www.apgnews.apg.army.mil](http://www.apgnews.apg.army.mil)

# SCHOOL LIAISON/YOUTH EDUCATION

## Partnerships

Volunteers can make a huge difference in the lives of APG-Harford County students that is invaluable and lasting. Individuals or organizations at APG that want to make an impact to help build even stronger community relationships, there is no better time than now. Several schools looking for partnership support include Halls Cross Road Elementary, Roye-Williams Elementary, Aberdeen Middle, Aberdeen High, Edgewood Middle and Edgewood High. There are a host of activities for volunteers ranging from mentoring and reading, to special programs, after-school and weekend activities and in the PTA. Help make a difference for the sake of children. For more information, call Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857 or e-mail him at [ivan.mehosky@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:ivan.mehosky@usag.apg.army.mil).

## NASA Space Camp scholarship

Attention students of military personnel in grades 6 to 9: NASA Space Camp is a place where kids come together for a journey they will never forget. Each child learns about astronauts and space travel, and also experiences something

even more important: developing bonds of friendship. This is a microcosm of the life of military children. They travel, they learn, and they quickly bond into friendships that often last for life. The Military Child Education Coalition has created a Space Camp scholarship in memory of one of its brightest and finest children, Bernard Curtis Brown II. Bernard, the 11-year-old son of Chief Petty Officer and Mrs. Bernard Curtis Brown, was killed on Sept. 11, 2001, when the hijacked airliner on which he was a passenger, crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. At the time, he was on his way to California to represent his school at a National Geographic event. The MCEC officers and directors feel, and Bernard's family agrees, that this scholarship is a fitting way to honor Bernard's memory. The scholarship gives military connected children the opportunity to have an extraordinary experience, which brings together the worlds of service, science and learning.

## MCEC's scholarship information

The Bernard Curtis Brown, II

Space Camp scholarship is funded by the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC). The scholarship covers full tuition and includes meals, lodging, program materials, and transportation from the student's home to the Space Camp.

## Eligibility requirements

Each student applicant must be a child of an active duty military parent; be enrolled in grades 6-9; write a hand written essay stating why he or she should be selected, as well as evidence of patriotism, future goals, community service, and "after-camp" intentions, along with two letters of recommendation with contact information (all documents should be signed and dated). Complete and submit application by May 3. To pick up an application, stop by the School Liaison/Youth Education office, building 2752, Room 200, or call Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857, or e-mail him at [ivan.mehosky@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:ivan.mehosky@usag.apg.army.mil).

## About Space Camp

U.S. Space Camp is a five-day program that shows youngsters firsthand what it takes to be an astronaut.

Activities include simulated Space Shuttle missions, training simulators, rocket building and launches, scientific experiments, and lectures on the past, present, and future of space exploration. Offered in two locations (Huntsville, Ala., and Titusville, Fla.), Space Camp takes a unique, fun and hands-on approach to learning outside the classroom and students leave with a greater appreciation for school and their studies.

For more information visit Web site [www.space-camp.com](http://www.space-camp.com).

## Geography Challenge

Looking for military personnel or units that would be interested in helping design and sponsor map reading skills for local and world geography for elementary, middle, and high school students in the form of an annual competition.

If interested, contact Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857 or [ivan.mehosky@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:ivan.mehosky@usag.apg.army.mil)

## LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m., and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Edgewood Area Library is open Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 410-436-3589.

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## Youth Services offers Driver's Ed

APG Child and Youth Services will present State certified Driver's Education classes, every Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Feb. 21 through March 20 at the Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522. Parents and students must attend the first hour of class together Feb. 21 to review the rules and procedures.

The cost is \$285 plus \$15 registration/membership fee for family members of military, retired, DoD (and DA) personnel and contractors who work at APG per student. Sponsored students are required to pay the course fee of \$285 plus a \$20 registration/associate membership fee Driver Education for Teens. Minimum age is 15 or older.

Registration will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, Jan. 22 through Feb. 13, at the Outreach Services-Central Registration Office, room 110, building 2752. A minimum class size of 10 students is required prior to end of the registration period. To make an appointment to register and pay the fee, call Christina Keithley at 410-278-7571.

For more information about the Teen Driver Education program, call Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857.

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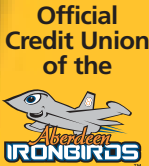
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# Community Notes

**SATURDAY  
JANUARY 31  
CHILI DINNER**

The annual chili dinner in support of the Harford County Fuel Fund will be held at Churchville Presbyterian Church (corner of routes 22 and 136), 3 to 7 p.m. The all-you-can-eat menu includes choice of buffalo, venison and beef chili, also corn bread and ice cream. Early arrivers may also get some home grown/home baked peach cobbler. All you can eat (on site) costs \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. Carry out is also available.

For more information, call 410-836-2146.

**FRIDAY  
FEBRUARY 6  
COUNTRY HOE DOWN**

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors

country western dancing the first Friday of the month at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing is held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$8. Cash bar and no lessons. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

**TUESDAY  
FEBRUARY 10  
POST MEETINGS**

Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054, located on 206 Spesutia Road, Perryman, will hold its regular post meeting at 7 p.m. For more information, call 410-272-3444.

**SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 14  
VFW HOSTS  
VALENTINE PARTY**

Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054, will sponsor a Valentine's Party, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., at the American

Legion Post 17, Edgewood Road, Edgewood.

Donation costs \$20 per person and \$35 per couple. Entertainment will be provided by the Softones, playing hits including "Carla My Love," "My Dream," "There's a Beauty," "Count To Ten" and more.


Dress to impress. There will be a light menu, raffle, and a prize for the lady in the prettiest red dress. M.C. will be "Linay" from radio station WHFC 91.1.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-272-3444, or Terry Robinson, Post commander at 410-688-3188.

**PWOC HOSTS 'SWEET-HEART' PARTY**

The Protestant Women of the Chapel is sponsoring "A Night With Your Sweetheart," 7 to 10 p.m., at the Sheraton 4 Points, Aberdeen. There will be a buffet, entertainment and guests will receive a keepsake photograph with their sweetheart.

Cost has been covered, but donations will be accepted. For information or to make a reservation, call Shirley Huffman, 410-273-1497.



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## MOVIES

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**PAYCHECK**

**Friday, Jan. 30, 7 p.m.**  
Starring: Ben Affleck, Aaron Eckhart

Michael Jennings (Affleck), an engineer who has had part of his memory erased, struggles to find clues to his whereabouts for the past two years. Turns out his employer did the evil deed as a security measure, leaving him only with a collection of random objects to help him reconstruct his past. He also learns that he agreed to the two years secret work and erasure in exchange for a huge sum of money. (Rated PG-13)

**SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE (FREE ADMISSION)**

**Saturday, Jan. 31, 7 p.m.**  
Starring: Jack Nicholson, Diane Keaton

A young man (Keanu Reeves) plays a doctor caring for Harry Langer (Nicholson), who suffers a heart attack at the house of his young girlfriend's mother Erica (Keaton). While there, the elder man falls in love with the mom (Keaton). The doctor also finds he has an attraction to her, despite their age difference. (Rated PG-13)

**MONA LISA SMILE**

**Saturday, Jan. 31, 9 p.m.**  
Starring: Julia Roberts, Julia Stiles

Set in 1953, Katherine Watson (Roberts) is a free-spirited graduate of UCLA who accepts a teaching post at Wellesley College, a women-only school where the students are torn between the repressive mores of the time and their longing for intellectual freedom. (Rated PG-13)

## OMMS LIBRARY

The Organizational Mechanical Maintenance Library hours are Monday through Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, noon to 8:45 p.m. and Friday noon to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 410-278-4991.

**February's featured books:**

**Harlem Hell Fighters, The African-American 369th Infantry in WWI** by Stephen L. Harris

**A Testament of Hope, The Essential Writings of Martin Luther King Jr.** edited by James Melvin Washington

**Blacks in the American Armed Forces, 1776-1983** by Lenwood G. Davis and George Hill

**All That We Can Be, Black Leadership and Racial Integration, The Army Way** by Charles C. Moskos

## Post SHORTS

**From front page**  
USO-Metro will mail a copy for \$2 (to cover postage and handling) by calling 703-696-3278.

**PACT presents classes**

The Parents and Children Together Program will present "Family Matters," 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the dates listed at the Aberdeen ACS building 2754. Participants must register by Feb. 2. For more information, call Diana Hayes, 410-278-4372.

- Feb. 2 - Bonding with your baby
- Feb. 9 - Education starts at home
- Feb. 17 - Wise words on discipline
- Feb. 23 - Fathers matter

**KUSAHC gives flu shots to DoD civilians**

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will provide DOD civilians with flu shots 1 to 3 p.m. daily in the Occupational Health Clinic on a first-come first-served basis.

DOD civilians in the Edgewood Area can go to the clinic there and also receive them. All personnel must have a valid ID card to receive the immunization. Do not call the clinics, just show up at the appointed time.

**Kirk offers classes**

The following classes will be held at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. For more information and to register for classes call Preventive

Medicine at 410-278-1964.

**Diabetes education**

Classes are scheduled for four consecutive Wednesday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m., Feb. 4, 11, and 18, in the Behavioral Health Conference Room 316 on the third floor. All TRI-CARE-enrolled individuals with diabetes or parents or sponsors of a diabetic are invited to attend.

**Take Care of Yourself**

Class is held on the third Thursday of every month, 10 a.m. to noon, in the Preventive Medicine Clinic on the third floor. Patients will be taught how to treat minor illnesses and injuries at home, and instructed when to see a doctor.

Participants will be given medical cards, which will allow them to pick up specific over-the-counter medications without a prescription.

**Recruit the Recruiter Team to visit**

The Recruit the Recruiter Team from Headquarters U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Ft. Knox, Ky., will visit APG, 9:30 a.m., Feb. 3 and 4, at the Post Theater. The team will brief all specialists through sergeants first class on the challenges, benefits and opportunities of becoming recruiters.

Recruiters who earn the Recruiter Ring during their 36-month tour are eligible for meritorious promotions and also will receive \$450 per month in Special Duty Pay upon assignment to a recruiting battalion, while receiving

up to \$75 in reimbursement per month for expenses.

For more information, visit [www.usarec.army.mil/hq/recruiter](http://www.usarec.army.mil/hq/recruiter), or call Sgt. 1st Class Neftali Perez at 502-626-0465.

For information about the briefing, call Master Sgt. Arthur S. Burd at APG Post Retention, DSN 298-2769.

**Coping with special needs family members**

Army Community Service is sponsoring the Parent Information Exchange for exceptional family members, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Feb. 10, at ACS, building 2754.

PIE is designed to assist military families who have family members with special needs. The goals are to improve the members' ability to cope, and discuss community resources.

Free childcare is available if requested in advance. For more information, call Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP coordinator, 410-278-2420.

**Employee LES changes**

Effective with the pay period ending Jan. 24, Social Security numbers will be "masked" and only the last four digits will show on civilian employees' printed Leave and Earning Statements.

This change should help protect employees against identity theft. Only the printed LES will reflect the change and the full nine-digit SSN numbers will be visible on the LES electronically on myPay.





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# NSCMP assessment system combines safety, technology at APG

## Safety key to MAPS design

**Louise Dyson**  
NSCMP

(Editor's note: This is the second in a series of articles on the Munitions Assessment and Processing System. The final article on MAPS focusing on environmental concerns will be published in next week's issue of APG News.)

Safety to workers and the environment was key to the Army, Aberdeen Proving Ground neighbors and regulators alike, and was the primary driver in the Munitions Assessment and Processing System design. Several elements make MAPS effective in its mission and safe in its operations.

**Air monitoring system** - The air monitoring system consists of 15 real-time monitors located in key areas throughout the facility that search round-the-clock for the presence of chemical agent. In the event of a chemical agent vapor leak, these monitors will alert the on-duty operators so that they can take appropriate emergency response procedures.

**Glove box**

The glove box provides the worker the means to safely handle recovered munitions inside a specially designed container that is kept under negative pressure, reducing the risk of chemical agents being released into the process room.

**Explosion containment chamber**

The explosion containment chamber is where the munitions will be drilled to provide access to the chemical or smoke fill. In the event of an accidental detonation during the opening of a munition shell, the ECC can withstand a blast of up to 13 pounds of TNT without a vapor release. Since no item to be processed in MAPS will have an explosive capacity greater than 3.5 pounds of TNT, the chamber has a margin of safety of nearly 400 percent.

**Burster detonation vessel**

Once a munition has been drained of its chemical or smoke fill, the burster detonation vessel will be used to destroy the empty munition body, fuze and burster.

**Walls**

The walls between rooms in the MAPS are 14 inches thick, allowing for the eventual installation of X-ray assessment equipment on-site should the need arise.

**Building layout**

The layout of the building compartmentalizes work areas, providing additional protection for staff in the unlikely event of an agent release. Shower areas are attached to the process room so that workers exposed to chemical materiel can clean their equipment and themselves, while built-in systems will enable workers in protective suits to clean contaminated areas with a safe, constant supply of clean air.

**Power**

MAPS will be attached to the power grid but will have its own on-site generator to allow for an orderly shut down of operations in the event of a power outage. Numerous redundancies are included in the design to prevent accidents and to mitigate their impact in the unlikely event they should occur.

**Treatment procedure carefully planned, executed**

MAPS will provide a safe, environmentally friendly means of separating chemical and smoke fills from explosively configured, stable munitions and will be operated by Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center employees.

Before treatment begins, the munitions will be assessed using an X-ray evaluation and a non-intrusive analysis performed with NSCMP's portable isotopic neutron spec-



Photos courtesy of NSCMP

One of MAPS' environmental containment features is an air filtration system, which makes use of carbon filter beds. The carbon filters and sensitive air monitors confirm contaminant removal from MAPS' air before its release into the outdoors.

troscopy device. Next, the over packed munition will be moved from the N-Field Storage Facility to MAPS.

There, the over pack will be placed in a glove box where the munition will be removed, strapped to a trolley and placed into a drill box. The entire assembly is then moved into the ECC where the munition body is drilled, providing workers with access to the munition fill. It is then returned to the glove box where the fill is drained into U.S. Department of Transportation-approved containers and the munition body is treated to neutralize any chemical contamination. The explosives from the drained munition will be detonated within the MAPS burster detonation vessel.

The containers filled with the drained chemical agent will be sent to a permitted treatment facility on APG for chemical neutralization.



The Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Program's Munitions Assessment and Processing System supports environmental remediation efforts at Aberdeen Proving Ground allowing for cleaner water and land resources along the Bush River coastline.

# Olson

**From front page**

grilled for about 45 minutes each on Army regulations and field manuals regarding military leadership; weight control, physical training, marksmanship, awards and decorations, and the proper wear of the military uniform.

In addition, Staff Sgt. Brian Brillhart, Drill Sergeant of the Year for 2002, asked questions about Initial Entry Training and the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command's drill sergeant program.

Sgts. 1st Class Brian Mainor and Angelo Pennyamon, who nominated Olson and Patterson, respectively, were on hand for each phase of the testing and sat nearby as their nominees presented themselves before the board.

Torres put each nominee at ease with questions about their personal careers and accomplishments before turning the questioning over to the board members. He observed each silently throughout the question and answer period.

At the end of the questioning, before dismissing each candidate, Torres asked pointed questions inquiring about their goals, commitments and motivation. He then closed the proceedings and turned the board members' score sheets over to court recorder, Pfc. Carmen Glenn, for tabulating. With the results of the week's testing in hand, Torres presented the findings to the board.

Within 15 minutes, the winner was determined and Torres summoned the candidates back into the room. The candidates and their supervisors filed back into the room and stood before the board at the position of attention. Torres, before announcing the results, reminded the two candidates that should the winner be unable to fulfill his obligations, the runner-up would be called upon. He then announced the results, naming Olson the 2003 Drill Sergeant of the Year.

Neither candidate showed a reaction at the announcement, but both later expressed relief that the trial was finally over.

"I'm really not disappointed," Patterson said. "I thought I did very well overall. I was pleased with my performance."

Pennyamon added his thanks to their command for allowing Patterson time to study.

"Others took up the slack so he could prepare for this," Pennyamon said. "He was clearly prepared and did an outstanding job."

Olson said he was pleased that all his work had paid off.

"It seems I've done nothing but study for the last five months," he said. "Now I can get back to work and refocus on my troops."

He added that he looks forward to fulfilling the responsibilities of the APG 2003 Drill Sergeant of the Year.

"I will do my utmost to represent APG to the best of my abilities," Olson said.

"He did an outstanding job,"

added Mainor. "Not only before the board, but throughout the testing process. He was totally prepared."

Their battalion command sergeant major, Williams agreed.

"They put in many long hours preparing for this challenge," Williams said, adding that the unit was proud to have a "three-peat."

"He is highly motivated, physically fit and focused," he said of Olson. "He will easily fill the shoes of his predecessors."

**Observing the candidate**

Torres said that both candidates did a superb job and that the scoring was "very close."

He said that part of his job was to observe for indicators of self-confidence and control.

"A drill sergeant must be completely confident before his troops," he said. "Determining how comfortable they were with the material is a good indicator of that."

"The most important question I asked was what motivates you," he added.

"They don't do this for the money. A drill sergeant has to get up and feel good about going to work. He has to want to make a difference. These are traits you look for in all leaders."

Torres thanked the board members and court recorder for "making this happen."

"With so many organizations on this post, most don't know what it is we do," he said.

"We are not just in the business of molding Soldiers, we are also molding leaders."



Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Olson, Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion, responds to questions from the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School Drill Sergeant of the Year board.

## History of the Army Drill Sergeant

In late 1962, the Secretary of the Army directed Stephen Ailes to conduct a survey on recruit training in the Army.

To get an accurate assessment, the survey was conducted over a long period of time and included input from training centers of the Army, Air Force and Marines.

The first report submitted to the Department of the Army contained five findings: the army training centers were inadequately staffed; the caliber of non-commissioned officers assigned to training were below the minimum standards required by the other services; the NCOs assigned to the Army centers had negative attitudes due to the long hours; there was a lack of effect on the trainees; and poor attitudes had a negative impact on the quality of training.

From April to June of 1963, a new concept of training was tested at Fort Jackson, S.C. for selected officers and NCOs. In July and August, this new concept was tested in training battalions at

Fort Jackson and in a new training company at Fort Gordon, Ga.

The success of these tests resulted in the adoption of the new training concept and the formation of Drill Sergeant Schools throughout the Continental Army Command, CONARC.

In 1971, headquarters CONARC received permission from the Army Chief of Staff to include women in the Drill Sergeant Program. In February 1972, six NCOs from the Women's Auxiliary Corps at Fort McClellan, Ala. were enrolled in the Drill Sergeant Program at Fort Jackson. Upon successful completion of the course, the women were authorized to wear the female drill sergeant hat, which was designed by Brig. Gen. Mildred C. Bailey from the Australian bush hat.

The male drill sergeant hat is an exact replica of the campaign hat worn by American soldiers from 1872 to 1939. It was adopted for wear as the distinctive mark of the Army drill sergeant in 1964.

# CAC

**From page 2**

New recycling schedules provided by Harford County are available. The 2004 schedules can be picked up at the Commissary, or other pick up locations can be found on the front page of the APG News.

## Community, church events

Chaplain (Maj.) William H. Liptrot announced the following religious events:

Feb. 5: There will be a Prayer Luncheon at Top of the Bay at 1 p.m. Claiborne Douglass Haughton Jr., acting deputy assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Equal Opportunity, will be the guest speaker.

Feb. 7: A Relationship Building Seminar will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Post Chapel. The study, titled "Through the Bible," will examine four different personality types in relationships.

Lynn McNamara, U.S. Army Developmental Testing Command guest, announced the following upcoming community events:

Jan. 24: A job fair will be held at Harford Technical High School in Bel Air for those 16 to 21 years of age, 9 a.m. to noon.

Jan. 24: Basket bingo will be held at 7 p.m. to raise funds for school scholarship programs.

The next Community Action Council meeting will be held 1:30 p.m., March 1, in the Edgewood Area Conference Center, building E-4810.

# Children's toy recall announced

CPSC

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with K'NEX Industries Inc., of Hatfield, Pa., announced Jan. 20 the voluntary recalls of "Mud Boggers" and "Street Shredders" Pump Up Racers. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

The air motor in the toy cars can burst while being pumped up, causing parts of the motor or car to break off. Some of these parts can have sharp points and pose a risk of eye or laceration injuries.

K'NEX has received two reports of bursting air motors, though no injuries have been reported.

The recalled K'NEX Pump Up Racers come in two models: the "Mud Bogger," which has a yellow car body and the "Street Shredder," which has

a red car body. Both models have a date code beginning with 7803, which is located on the bottom of the air motor, directly under the name "K'NEX Industries Inc." The toy cars come with a pump attachment that helps project the car forward.

These items were sold at Toys R Us, Wal-Mart, and Target stores nationwide sold the toys between November 2003 and December 2003 for about \$10.

Consumers should stop children from using these toy cars immediately and contact the company for a free replacement air motor or alternative product.

For more information, call K'NEX Industries at 1-800-543-5639 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or log on to the company's Web site at [www.knex.com](http://www.knex.com).



## Letter to the Editor

To the residents of APG:

The mail carriers in the Edgewood and Aberdeen areas of APG would like to thank all of the customers who cleaned the snow from around their mailboxes, making our job safer and much easier. We do appreciate your concern.

Thank you again,  
Frank Bell  
George Neil  
Ken Wilson

# Jam

**From front page**

to APG," he said. "The least we can do is support it."

Tickets range from \$15, \$20, and \$25 in advance to \$20, \$25, and \$30 at the door. Reserved seating is for the \$20 and \$25 in advance. All others are general seating.

Fans may register online at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com) or visit MWR Registration, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in building 3326. Those who register online may pick up their tickets at the theater's Will Call window. For more information, call Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or e-mail [Earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:Earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil).



# Sports

## Company E 16th posts 43-38 win over Company B 16th

Story and photos by  
**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

It wasn't pretty, but Company E 16th Ordnance Battalion was happy to come away with a 43-38 win over Company B 16th after an up and down battle between two evenly matched teams that could have gone either way.

The National Division intramural basketball game was held Jan. 22 in the Aberdeen Athletic Center.

Play started sloppy on both sides of the court with numerous missed shots and turnovers before things settled down.

Company B 16th's Jeffery Whye and Brad Kutzbach posted the game's first points with back to back lay-ups to take a 4-0 lead. Company E's Hildred Mathews stormed back with a 3-pointer moments later, to set the tone for the game.

Clutch plays by Company E 16th's Ronald Seldon and Kirk Butler kept things close though it was difficult to contain Company B 16th's Scotland Sutton who was a force on both offense and defense. Everette Sergeant and Donald Pursel added a deep scoring threat for Company B as well.

With Company B 16th up 17-15 at the half one coach was calling for calm while the other was calling for pressure.

"I told them to settle down. They were getting rattled," said Company B 16th coach Dean Francis. He said that switching on the picks and helping on defense would get the team the win.

"All they have to do is focus," he said.

Company E 16th coach, Allen Hughes, said pressure on defense would win the game.

"I told them to keep the pressure up and pass the ball more," Hughes said.

In the second half, both strategies paid off for a while.

The teams stayed close, with neither leading by more than three points until a 28-28 tie with just over 5 minutes to play. Two steals by Company B's Pursel put his team back on top at 32-28.

Company E responded with two from Seldon with about 3 and one half minutes left but a foul sent Company B's Whye to the line where he dropped two for the 34-30 lead.

Company E closed within one at 36-35 before a Company B timeout with one minute 27 seconds on the clock.

Seldon and Butler combined for Company E's final eight points holding off a rally by Company B's Pursel to seal the 43-38 win.

"We could have stayed a little more intense," Francis said. "It would have helped us out."

Hughes said he was proud of the team for staying focused.

"They picked up the pace and defense made key plays down the stretch," Hughes said. "It was a hard fought game."



A unified leap for the ball finds Company B 16th's Brad Kutzbach, left, on top and Company E 16th's Kirk Chartier on the bottom.



Company B 16th's Donald Pursel, right, keeps an eye on Ronald Seldon, left as he dribbles in search of a lane.



Ronald Sutton, 40, has Hildred Mathew's back as Company B 16th's Scotland Sutton, left, and Everette Sergeant, right, close in.

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